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Title

Forty Years On

Abstract

Our organisation has reached great heights, yet it is its foundations that will withstand the winds of change. This presentation will not only discuss the foundations of the ICP but also its genesis.

From its inception the ICP concept extended well beyond three wise (or not so wise!) men; it was always a team effort. However, transforming a dream into reality was to raise unprecedented challenges to those used to working within the constraints of regional borders. Furthermore, in the pre internet and mobile phone era communication was difficult, time consuming and expensive.

Meetings were arranged close to international airports and teleconferences became the established norm. At an early stage it was agreed that our meetings should be biennial in view of the crowded prosthodontic calendar. This was one of the few nonconfrontational decisions! Establishing the all important purposes of our organisation was to take far longer.

To start with, we shared meetings with other organisations but by the time of our Hiroshima Conference we welcomed over 2500 delegates, we had an established Constitution together with a thriving membership.

According to Mark Twain, "Prediction is easy provided that you stay away from the future". Nevertheless, it is clear that while the 21st century may be the century of the Pacific, where the ICP has firm roots, these are allied with the rest of the world.

The foundations have been laid. Our organisations have already crossed Oceans, Continents, and political boundaries. It has a major role to play in the future of our specialty.

Biography

Harold Preiskel is Emeritus Professor of Prosthodontics in London. He was the first President of the ICP, and one of its principal founders. He was the first non-American President of the American Prosthodontic Society, founding co-editor of the International Journal of prosthodontics, Chairman of its Board, President of the American Dental Society of London, the British Dental Association (Metropolitan Branch), and the London Dental Study Club. In London he was Alumnus of the Year 2007 (Kings), awarded the Webb-Johnson Medallion of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 2008. In New York he was 'Distinguished Lecturer of the Year 2008' GNYAP. His was the sixth name inscribed on the Hall of Fame in Prosthodontics at Ohio State University in more than a century.

He was awarded the Golden Medallion of the APS in 2016 and the British Society for Prosthodontics triennial Gold Medal in 2017 one of two clinicians ever to hold both accolades. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics and of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Harold Preiskel is author of textbooks that have become standard works, he has written more than a century of scientific articles and received numerous prosthodontic awards the world over. He is still active in teaching and practice.